April 2004

# F I E S T A

Yup, you got it, time to show your feet, wear your funky hats, and do the FIESTA thing again. It all starts on April 16<sup>th</sup> and runs through the 25<sup>th</sup>, so get in your FIESTA mood. There will be plenty to do every day and you can find our more @www.fiesta-sa.org.

### See ya downtown!!!

## **General Meeting**

Don't forget about the COP General meeting on Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. We will have a very special guest speaker here so plan on attending. Our guest speaker will give some AWESOME insight and some great information. Most people leave very impressed at Chaplain Danny Hubbell's ability to lift people up. So don't miss out on this great speaker. Seats will go early, so don't be late.

### **GRAFFITI**

Please call in any type of graffiti hot spots you may have in your neighborhoods. We have people who come in every week to paint over graffiti, and since this is such a hot topic with the city officials, any help would be greatly appreciated. So please drive around your neighborhood and write down any graffiti sites you see. Then call the SAFFE office and tell us where to go.

### **COP Class**

Our next COP class is right around the corner...It will be held on Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Same time – 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm and same place – Southside Substation. If you know of anyone interested in attending please let them know ASAP, time is of the essence for this class.

# Are you READY?

Hazel Bernhard has made it clear this will be her last stint as President of Southside Neighbors Against Crime. October will be here before we know it, so if you are interested in being a leader in the Southside COP groups please let me know or start talking it up with folks at the General Meetings.

## The AMERICAN Flag

Did you know that at military funerals, the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?

Have you ever noticed the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the American flag 13 times? You probably thought is was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but we learn something new every day.

The 1<sup>st</sup> fold of our flag is a symbol of life. The 2<sup>nd</sup> fold is a symbol of our belief in the eternal life. The 3<sup>rd</sup> fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks who gave a portion of life for the defense of our country to attain a peace throughout the world. The 4<sup>th</sup> fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for His divine guidance. The 5th fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong." The 6<sup>th</sup> fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. The 7<sup>th</sup> fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they are found within or without the boundaries of our republic. The 8<sup>th</sup> fold is a tribute to the one who entered in to the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother, for whom it flies on mother's day. The 9<sup>th</sup> fold is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded. The 10<sup>th</sup> fold is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born. The 11<sup>th</sup> fold, in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The 12<sup>th</sup> fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost. The 13<sup>th</sup> fold, when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today.

## Numbers To Live By

Listed below are the crime stats from 02-25-04 thru 03-25-04. As you can see we are down in Burglary of Habitations and Theft of Vehicles but we are up in Burglary of Buildings and Burglary of Vehicles. The Burglary of Vehicles are mainly concentrated on the Military Dr. corridor, especially from Commercial to S. Flores then at the military Dr. & Goliad intersection. If you are out and about in any of these areas please keep an extra eye out for any suspicious activity. Call it in and let us check it out if you see something out of the ordinary.

#### **BURGLARY HABITATION**

	Last 90 Days	2003 YTD	2004 YTD	% Change
Southside	253	245	228	-7%
Citywide	2157	2099	2010	-4%

#### **BURGLARY BUILDING**

	Last 90 Days	2003 YTD	2004 YTD	% Change
Southside	165	138	160	16%
Citywide	1112	936	1050	12%

#### **BURGLARY VEHICLE**

	Last 90 Days	2003 YTD	2004 YTD	% Change
Southside	601	552	575	4%
Citywide	5613	4991	5343	7%

#### THEFT OF VEHICLE

	Last 90 Days	2003 YTD	2004 YTD	% Change
Southside	189	183	179	-2%
Citywide	1271	1441	1217	-16%



#### I HAD A DRUG PROBLEM

I had a drug problem when I was young:
I was drug to church on Sunday morning.
I was drug to church for weddings and funerals.
I was drug to family reunions no matter the weather.
I was drug to the bus stop to go to school every weekday.
I was drug by the ears when I was disrespectful to adults and Teachers.

I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents. Those drugs are still in my veins; and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say, and think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin... and if today's children had this kind of drug problem, America might be a better place.

Be a responsible parent: - "DRUG" - your kids.

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#### **BIBLE FACTS**

What is the shortest chapter in the Bible? Psalms 117

What is the longest chapter in the Bible? Psalms119

What is the center chapter in the Bible? Psalms 118

There are 594 Chapters after Psalms 118 and 594 chapters before Psalms 118. Add these numbers up and you get 1188

What is the center verse in Bible? Psalms 118:8

Does this verse say something significant about God's perfect will for our lives?

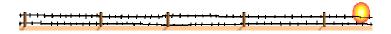
#### **Psalms 118:8**

"It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man."

Now isn't that odd how this worked out

(or was God in the center of it)?

'til next month...happy trails – Stay saffe!







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